



FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Events:

December 20:

Assembly and delivery of Christmas Turkey baskets. Contact Dave Hill to help.

December 23:

FIT Food List

spaghetti sauce and noodles, peanut butter, jelly, boxes of cereal, canned fruit, mac & cheese, \$10 Walmart gift cards, cash donations

No Glass Containers

MERCY NEW TESTAMENT

The Gospel or “Good News” is that a Savior we desperately needed but didn’t deserve descended from eternal communion with God the Father and God the Spirit. C.S. Lewis illustrated this communion, most famously. He said: “God is not a static thing... [but] Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance”. He stepped down into His creation to lay His life down so that we would have forgiveness of sins and become the righteousness of God. This is the definition of mercy – that Christ did something we desperately needed and couldn’t do for ourselves out of love.

The Gospel alludes to our desperate need for mercy and longing for it before God delivered Christ. As John states, “the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world” makes our need for mercy without constraints of time (Revelation 13:8). This we will never fully understand because God’s character is, will, and has always been merciful. Therefore, we will never know a world without mercy. It is evident that every living thing past, present, and future always needs God, and one day we will be perfectly in the Father’s presence solely dependent on His “enduring mercy”.

The New Testament views mercy as a foundational piece of the Gospel and its transformational power in our lives. Christ says blessings will come to those who extend mercy and it will result in them being shown mercy. Therefore, mercy is a measure of how well the Gospel is changing us. This season, don’t just give out your time, your home, and your presents. This season give out the mercy that the Gospel has given you. Don’t be particular about who you give it out to, but give it to everyone out of unfailing love.

Blessings

The Ministers

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Missions: Mike and Kris Bridges
- AIM: Kaylee Bridges
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley-Washington, D.C.
- Grayson Carter-Ft. Riley
- Steve & Erma Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver’s Sister
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe’s Father
- Marcello Assenza- Christine Stewart’s Father
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black, Kris Black’s Father
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Leah Crocker
- George Westerman
- Kelli Daniel
- Karyl Buress
- Kathy Alexander & Family
- KJ Binnicker
- Fritz Stewart-George Stewart’s Father
- Stephen and Amanda Wood & Family

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:30AM

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS
11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY
LADIES GROUP
BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM

December 16th, 2018
Weekly Statistics

AM Bible Class: 68
AM Bible Class Avg: 72

AM Assembly: 128
AM Assembly Avg: 130

Contribution: \$13,581.25
YTD Average Weekly:
\$7,629.00

Weekly Budget: \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Sign Up To Help:

Honduras 2019 Fundraising
<https://www.efundraising.com/lexingtonchurchofchrist>

December Goodies

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084aa5ad2fa0f94-december>

Suzanne Kennedy

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054cacaf2ca2fe3-rides>

Anniversaries:

12.3 Justin & Janna Muery

12.20 Tom & Karen Brophy

12.30 Corey & Dawn
Wisniewski

12.31 Matt & Mary Joy

Birthdays:

12.18 Eduardo Diaz

12.18 Marilyn Ojadi

12.21 Nic Hanle

12.22 Gary Barnett

12.22 Davie Guill

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Opportunities to Serve
December 23, 2018

Worship:
Connor Watkins

Sound Room:
Chester Warren
Cliff Brown

Lord’s Supper Comments:
Mark Cox

Servers in December:
Steve Baker
Kris Amaral
Ruben Macedo
Lance Daniel
Caleb Surface

**Door Greeters in
December:**
James Bost
Karen Bost

Nursery:
Jeanie Kirby
Katie Kirby

Toddler:
Amanda Martin
Raliegh Avery

Children’s Church:
Janna Muery

Communion Prep:
Krysten Devereaux

Coffee Clean-Up:
Jennymarie

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Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "**Fear not**, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” *Luke 2:8-11*

I have read this text, or heard it read to me, every Christmas season of my entire life most likely. But this year, it seems like I’m reading it with new “lenses”. I have heard, read, and even taught it while thinking the shepherds must have been so silly to be afraid of a bunch of angels. The first thing the angels had to say was don’t be afraid of a bunch of heavenly beings??

Fast forward to this year:

I’ve heard that 365 times in Scripture God says, *fear not* or *do not be afraid* which really is quite fitting. However, what helps my heart to *fear not* is actually what is almost always attached to that phrase. The angels didn’t just come to say *do not be afraid*, they came to proclaim a beautiful thing that God had already done! God doesn’t just expect our minds to be able to claim peace- He reminds us of the great love He has for us so that our hearts can claim it too! When the Scriptures say *fear not* they also proclaim truths that God has already spoken over His people.

Here are some of my favorite examples:

- The Lord has done great things! *Joel 2:21*
- I have great value. *Matt. 10:31*
- A Savior has been born for me. *Luke 2:10*
- He is the One who helps me. *Isa. 41:13*
- His Spirit remains with me. *Hag. 2:5*
- The Lord my God fights for me. *Deut. 3:22*
- The Lord is on my side. *Ps. 118:6*

The angels came to proclaim that Perfect Love had been personified. Fear cannot reside where Perfect Love reigns (1 John 4:18), so God sent his Son to defeat fear and death once and for all. That’s why we celebrate His birth, just as the angels did! “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth *peace...*”

Merry Christmas!!

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan